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OVERSEAS BANKING UNITS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI have come out with guidelines for Overseas BankingUnits (OBUs) which will operate in the Special Economic Zones being set up for exports;

(b) if so, the details of such guidelines;

(c) whether RBI is also charging any one-time licence fee for operating in SEZs; and

(d) if so, the details of such fees and other conditions fixed by RBI for OBUs starting operations in SEZs ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): According to Exim Policy 2002-2007, Offshore BankingUnits will be permitted to be set-up in Special Economic Zones. Reserve bank of India is in the process of framing guidelines for setting up such units.